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## **Trash Bag Distribution Enters Final Week**

Only one more week remains for distribution of the 200 free plastic trash bags to City of Broken Arrow utility customers.

Those customers were mailed cards which may be exchanged for the four rolls (50 bags each) at the Maintenance Center, 1700 W. Detroit. There are signs along Elm and Aspen directing motorists to the distribution center, and there will be Public Works employees outside the building handing out the bags. You won't have to leave your vehicle.

Last year, reports Public Works Director Dave Wooden, 18,651 cards were turned in and 3,730,200 trash bags were handed out.

Distribution is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday (April 19-24). To avoid heavy traffic, try to make your pickup at mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

On May 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the City will hold its annual Spring Cleaning Day, with an opportunity for BA residents to bring their lawn debris, old furniture, etc., to the Maintenance Center at no charge. Not accepted, however, will be hazardous waste of any kind, including (but not limited to) oil, paint, batteries, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners; as well as roofing materials, bags of dirt or rocks, etc.

The City Council each year has supported these programs in a continuing effort to keep Broken Arrow clean and maintain an attitude of pride for the community. The Council approved the purchase of 4 million bags for this year's program. Although the cards cannot be exchanged at the Utilities Department in City Hall, those customers who are not able to get out to pick up their trash bags because of physical problems can call and ask for home delivery. That phone number is 259-8408.

Broken Arrow's Public Works Department requires that all household waste set out for curbside pickup must be in plastic bags with a capacity of 30 gallons or less, and tied, even if it is in a trash can. If the waste is not in plastic bags, sanitation personnel are not required to pick it up. Everything to be picked up should be at the curb by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of service. The exact times of pickup will depend upon the volume of trash placed out and the number of people picking up trash on that day. Sanitation employees begin working at 7

a.m. and work until all routes are completed, which in the summer may be as late as 9 p.m.

There is a limit of 10 bags of yard waste per household per pickup, and for each bag over 10 there will be a charge of \$1. Yard waste bags over 30 gallons will be charged as two bags. All tree limbs, brush and branches and lumber should be cut in four- to five-foot sections and tied in bundles. Loose cut grass in a trash can will not be picked up. It should be placed in a plastic bag.

The Sanitation Department will make special pickups of yard waste or trash which cannot be put in a plastic bag, but a charge will be made.

## **Statue Resting in New Jackson Park Home**

Glenna Goodacre's "Crossing the Prairie" statue is now at its permanent home in Broken Arrow's Jackson Park.

The sculpture by the world-famous artist was brought to Broken Arrow more than a year ago and was on display in the lobby of First National Bank until this month, when it was moved to Jackson Park.

Scott Graham of First National was one of the key players in bringing the piece of art to Broken Arrow. The Jackson family and the City worked together to create a base for the statue in the park, which is located on the northeast corner of Washington and Garnett.

"Crossing the Prairie" joins the Centennial Statue in Centennial Park and a large statue of World War II Medal of Honor winner Col. Ernest Childers in BA parks. The Childers statue was done by another of the world's most renowned sculptors, the late Allan Houser. It is the centerpiece of Veterans Park on the east side of Main Street, across from the Family Aquatic Center and Central Park.

## **Cartoon Network Tennis Deadline Monday**

If you plan on participating in the Cartoon Network Tennis Club in Broken Arrow this spring, you need to be registered by the end of the day Monday (April 19). Classes begin Tuesday at Central Park.

Those joining the club receive a backpack, t-shirt, practice ball, wristbands, shoelaces, grip tape, vibration dampener, tennis activity book and certificate of award.

Cost of the 6-week program (with two lessons per week) is \$90. The Beginner class will meet Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and the again on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Intermediate classes meet Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the courts in Central Park.

There are also adult tennis lessons available once a week for six weeks from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$45.

For more information on the tennis program, call 259-8437.

## **BA Seniors, Inc., Preparing for Senior Week 2004**

“Come See How We’ve Grown” is the theme for this year’s Broken Arrow Seniors Week, which will begin Monday, April 26, at The Main Place and Senior Center (1800 S. Main).

There will be games and activities all week long for the growing population of senior citizens in Broken Arrow.

BASI is a non-profit, United Way agency which provides opportunities for seniors to enjoy life a little more, and also receive some much-needed services. During the past year The Main Place was expanded with the addition of Centennial Hall, made possible by voters who passed a bond issue for the project.

That addition has provided more room for dances, lunches, special programs and events. For information on BASI call 259-8377.

## **It’s Not Swimming Weather Yet, but...**

What most area residents hope was the last little cold snap of spring may have cooled off thoughts of the 2004 swimming season, but for the Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Department preparations for what could be a record turnout continues.

Last year the Family Aquatic Center was the only one of the City’s public pools open. Country Aire’s new pool was due to open, but never made it because of construction problems.

Now Country Aire will join the FAC when the summer season begins on Memorial Day weekend. The Rockwood West spray pool will be open the final week in April and will remain open through the summer. Other spray pools are in the planning stages.

Swimming lessons will once again be offered at the old Central Pool in Central Park, beginning June 7. Signups for those classes can be done at the Community Center. A complete list of classes, sessions, etc., can be found on the City’s web site ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)) in the section on Parks & Recreation.

## **Ray Harral Nature Park Ablaze with Azaleas**

With an early spring uninterrupted by any late freezes, Broken Arrow’s Ray Harral Nature Park is absolutely spectacular with a mix of azaleas and flowering dogwood trees and wisteria vines.

The park is located south of Tucson (121<sup>st</sup>), just east of Elm Place and behind Childers Middle School and Spring Creek Elementary. Visitors won’t have to walk far to enjoy the show. There are some brilliant displays of flowers along the edge of the parking lot, and many, many more within a few short steps.

Ray Harral has paths and walkways throughout the 40-acre complex, which includes a beaver dam and a variety of trees and shrubs – many of them marked with identification tags put in place by Scouts this past winter.

Mark Higgins, the City's horticulturalist expert, has been working with his crews all around City facilities, but the continuing efforts at Ray Harral have paid off with the most breathtaking display of nature's beauty in many years.

A nature center to be built in the park is one of the proposals in the May 11 bond issue.

## **City Council to Lead Clean-up Effort**

"Do as we say and do as we do, too," might well be the theme of the Broken Arrow City Council this next weekend (April 24), as they get out to clean up "their mile" or roadway in the community.

The Council adopted a mile along Main Street as part of the City's Adopt-A-Mile program. They will meet at 8 a.m. in front of the BA Public Schools Administration Building Saturday to start their pickup efforts. Their mile extends from Houston to the Kenosha on Main.

"We hope that seeing us out there will encourage others who have adopted miles or City parks to get out and do their part," said Council Member Wade McCaleb. "This is the time of year when we're all trying to make our homes and yards look nicer. We should put in some time and effort in making our entire community cleaner."

The City's Adopt-A-Mile program is handled through the Parks & Recreation Department. The goal of the program is to have each linear right-of-way mile and each public park in Broken Arrow "adopted" by a community club, volunteer, church, business or school group. Those groups would be responsible for periodic cleanups of their right-of-way or park. A sign is provided by the City giving recognition to the adopting group. A charge of \$30 is made to sign up in the program, which helps pay the cost of the signs (two for each adopted mile), for orange safety vests which are provided to those doing the work and for plastic trash bags.

For more information, call 259-8380.

## **Detective Adcock Praised by Assist. U.S. Attorney**

Broken Arrow Detective Gayla Adcock recently was given high praise by Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Horn for her work with the HIDTA Task Force.

In a letter of commendation from Police Chief Todd Wuestewald, Adcock was saluted by Horn, who said he had personally "observed the quality of your work and your attention to detail, and had received numerous compliments" from others on her investigation.

Wuestewald concluded by saying, "Gayla, you have brought credit to yourself and the Broken Arrow Police Department. Your dedication exemplifies 'Professional Excellence' in every respect."